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NEW YORK — The National News Council said yesterday it had received assurances that the CIA will not hire reporters "affiliated in any way" with American news organizations, and that it was dropping those already on the payroll.

The news council said CIA officials, including director George Bush, told them in a three-hour meeting Thursday that the prohibition included news executives, stringers for American news organizations, and freelance writers "who could be interpreted in any manner as being journalists."